



**Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
32 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE  
Winnebago, Minnesota



**Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church**  
214 S. Holland  
Blue Earth, Minnesota

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**Summer Office hours: Mon., 8 a.m. – noon., Tues., 8 a.m. – noon., Wed., 9 a.m. – noon., Thurs., 8:00 – noon.**

***Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday***

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Suspended until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Suspended until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Please check page 3 of bulletin for any changes to the schedule**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Arrangements are made by contacting the pastor in advance of the date.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Arrangements for preparation & the date are made by contacting the pastor at least 6 months before.

**Pastoral Care of the Elderly/Sick**  
Please contact the pastor when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

**Prayer Network**  
Anyone wishing to have the prayerful support of our parish community may relay your prayer request to Ruth Kastner (943-3478) or Jeanette Verdoorn (526-2333) to initiate the calling tree.

**For prayers requests for St. Mary's, call Mary Franta (893-4326) or Chris Rockers (893-3729).**

**Faith Formation**  
We have resources & activities for growth & formation of faith in all members of all ages. For our young people, we have programs & youth ministries coordinated by Angie Nagel at SS. Peter & Paul (526-5626) & Pat Salic at St. Mary (236-2195).

**Joining or Returning to the Catholic Church**  
The rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process for adults to become members of the Catholic Church. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

**To rent the Social Hall of SS Peter & Paul**  
To schedule activities/events, please contact Pat Boettcher(526-5626)

**Bulletin notices** Contact Pat by Wednesday afternoon at the office ([patssp@bevcomm.net](mailto:patssp@bevcomm.net)) or by phone (526-5626).

## **May 10<sup>th</sup> Bulletin**

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you, We continue to keep in our prayers those who are afflicted with the Corona virus flu and their family members as well as those who have succumbed to the illness and their family members. There is great power in prayer to bring the healing power of Christ. I have witnessed many miraculous healings due to the power of prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Jesus healed many people when he was on earth before his death and Resurrection. Now he continues his ministry through the Church, which is his body on earth, and through the Sacraments, which transmit the grace of Christ to us through signs that can be seen or perceived by the senses.

We have already reflected on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, and so now we look at the Sacrament of Confirmation, which completes our initiation into the body of Christ.

The sacrament of Confirmation is receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit by means of laying on of hands and the prayer of confirmation said by a bishop of the Catholic Church, who is the ordinary minister of Confirmation. The bishop can delegate a priest to confer the sacrament. The disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit when he breathed on them in the upper room after the Resurrection, and also at Pentecost, when a strong driving wind filled the room and tongues of fire came to rest on each one's head. With the grace of the Holy Spirit they were no longer afraid and were able to speak boldly about Jesus and give witness to him, even to the point of suffering or death.

In Acts 8:14 we see that Confirmation is a separate sacrament from Baptism, as the Christians in Samaria had been baptized, but the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon them. Peter and John came and laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. The effects of Confirmation bring an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- 1) it roots us more deeply in being a son or daughter of God, which allows us to call God, "Abba, Father."
- 2) it unites us more firmly to Christ,
- 3) it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord),
- 4) It makes our bond with the Church more perfect and we benefit from the prayers and communion of saints in a deeper way,
- 5) It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith as true witnesses of Christ, never to be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation can be received only once as it imprints on the soul an indelible mark or seal that signifies we belong to Jesus Christ.

Preparation for confirmation includes catechesis, and prayer especially the prayer and support of the parish community. One must be in the state of grace to receive the sacrament, and so it is important to go to confession beforehand (See Catechism of the Catholic Church 1302-1310).

In next Sunday's gospel, John 14:15-21 Jesus speaks about the Holy Spirit and refers to him as the "Advocate." This is a translation of the Greek word, "paraclete" which means someone who speaks on your behalf or consoler. The term comes from a courtroom setting in which the person is on trial. God the Father is the judge, but has given authority to judge to Jesus. The accuser is the one seeking our condemnation and that is Satan or the devil. The advocate is the lawyer on our side who is seeking to acquit us. The punishment we deserve for our sins is eternal death, but Jesus takes it upon himself by dying on the cross, so that we can go free. Let us foster our love for the Holy Spirit by frequently praying to him to be with us:

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

God Bless you,  
Fr. Andrew Beerman

There will be no public Mass in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester at this time. Even though we may not be able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can make an act of spiritual Communion.

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**SS Peter & Paul and St. Mary's:** As you know, we continue to have expenses at SS. Peter & Paul and St. Mary parishes. We would greatly appreciate it if you sent in your contributions these weeks, even if not attending Mass. **St. Mary's parishioners can mail their contribution to PO Box 424, Winnebago, 56098.** You may also consider making electronic payments. If you have online banking, you can use Bill Pay at no cost. Questions: call 526-5626. **Thanks** to all of you who are mailing in your contributions.  
Fr. Beerman.

**Mass Schedule – BE=SS Peter & Paul, W=St. Mary's  
NO MASSES AT THIS TIME UNTIL MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> We  
encourage you to read the daily Mass readings and add  
this to your prayer life during this time without Mass.**

### **Readings for the week of May 10, 2020**

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
[22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16  
[1ab]/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,  
21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
[cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12  
[10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn  
15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,  
16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**U.S. Flagpole donations:** The Finance Council has voted to install a flagpole at SS Peter & Paul near the carport entrance. The cost of this project will be approximately \$1500.00. Would anyone from the parish wish to help with this cost? The estimated installation would be in the early summer. There will also be a need for volunteers to help with the installation.

**Christ's Love Compels Us: a discernment retreat for those who want to share God's goodness.** (East: July 31-Aug 2 at IHM Seminary, and West: Sept 11-13 at Shalom Hill Farm) Do you feel a nudge (or burning fire) to share what God has done for you with others? But perhaps you don't know how, or need encouragement? Come to this retreat! Song, holy silence, spiritual talks, discussion, adoration, and Mass to learn how to be better evangelists in our home and community. *More information and registration here:*

<https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/retreats.html>

**The bulletin for SSPP & St. Mary's** will continue to be updated. There will be copies at the church entrance in Blue Earth (open 8-5) and St. Mary's (open noon-3) and, as always, on line at [www.sspeterpaulmary.org](http://www.sspeterpaulmary.org) under news & events. At the bottom of the home page is a link to Bishop Robert Barron's daily Mass.

### **Here are a few more resources:**

Bishop Barron's daily Mass -  
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Morning Offering – Includes Saint of the Day, Daily readings, Liturgy of the Hours

<https://www.morningoffering.com/>

From Catholic Company – daily emails

Magnificat -free online- <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Word Among Us – free online - <https://wau.org/>

SJV website <http://sjvhf.org/> – Masses , bulletins, etc.

SJV Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFd580MWt1MVvgNI8NnWguA>

SJV – Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Vianney-Catholic-Church-151694318210693/>

**St. Mary's breakfasts** are cancelled until further notice.

### **Faith Formation & Youth Ministry:**

\* **All Faith Formation Classes** are cancelled for the remainder of the year:(

\* **Butter Braid delivery** is postponed to Wednesday, May 20th. Time to be determined.

\* **Confirmation and First Communion** are postponed. Dates to be determined.

### **Attention Gr. K-10 Faith Formation Families:**

Make sure to stop at the Church entrance to pick up textbooks! Once your child has finished the test / assignment, please return it to the entrance of the church in the box labeled **Grades K-10 Tests / Assignments**.

### **Mission Trip Cancelled!**

The Mission Trip scheduled for June to Champagne, Illinois has been cancelled. Catholic Heart Workcamp made the difficult decision to cancel all mission trips scheduled for this summer due to COVID-19.

### **Check out our new Facebook page!**

Make sure to like our new Facebook page to get updated information and helpful resources! The name of the Facebook page is: **Saints Peter & Paul Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**.

### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

#### **Sacrificial Giving, SS Peter & Paul:**

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$187,704.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$182,154.96

#### **Sacrificial Giving, St. Mary:**

Adult/Plate giving needed yr-to-date: \$50,380.00

Adult/Plate giving fiscal yr-to-date: \$50,842.71

Hi, my name is Matt Koestler and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. I just finished my first year of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and I am excited to be here for a couple of months as Fr. Beerman's intern. I grew up in the small town of St. Charles MN, and I am the youngest of four. I graduated from Winona State in 2015 with an environmental geology degree, but a couple of years after graduating I realized that I would never truly be fulfilled in the life I was pursuing. It was through teaching fourth grade religion at my church that I heard God calling me to a fulfilling life as a priest. Since I've been in seminary God has blessed me with many wonderful gifts, and I hope during my brief time here that I will be able to share some of those gifts with you. Please know of my prayers for you during these difficult times, but most importantly know that God loves you and will always be with you through the best and worst of times.

God Bless,

Matt Koestler



### **Mass and Confession at SS Peter & Paul**

Just a reminder there is no public Mass at this time, but Mass is available online Monday through Saturday at 8:30am and Sunday at 10am. There will be Confessions at SS Peter & Paul on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5PM. The Mass will be recorded (not Live Streamed) at 5:30 at SS Peter & Paul and will be available to watch by Sunday morning. Here is the info for watching Mass:

SJV website <http://sjvhf.org/> – Masses , bulletins, etc.  
SJV Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFd580MWt1MVvgNI8NnWguA>

SJV – Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Vianney-Catholic-Church-151694318210693/>

I have been named pastor of St. Ann (Janesville), All Saints (New Richland), and St. Joseph (Waldorf) as of July 1<sup>st</sup>! I am super excited about this new adventure of being a 1<sup>st</sup> time pastorate. With all that I have learned from my pastors Fr. McNea and Fr. Beerman and from all of you, God's Faithful people, I am willing to begin this endeavor! I have my brother priests to help me through this transition and the good folks at Janesville, New Richland and Waldorf. I am sad for the fact I must leave all this goodness (you folks) behind, but the Lord is calling me onward! I loved my time walking with you towards our Lord Jesus Christ. We may meet in the future at some point while we are still alive, but more importantly to see you in Heaven, where hopefully we all make it. Of course, I will still be making use of the Christmas gift, the membership to Interlocken golf course, from time to time! I will live only a little over an hour away after all! Thanks for all your love and prayers during this short year together!  
Fr. Mulligan